



CUSTOMER SERVICE, ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP & INNOVATION

- Completed a 3,780-square-foot addition to the Electronics Recycling building. The addition improves customer service and increases operational efficiency. Now, both electronics and hazardous materials can be recycled in one location.
- Resurfaced the tipping floor of the Transfer Station to maintain its operability. The project was done in phases in order to keep the Transfer Station in use while construction was in process. The new surface provides another eight to ten years of use.
- Began screening debris after it was ground into mulch. This process allows for small particles and dirt to fall out creating a material similar to compost. These “fines” are available free to the public. This is an excellent material for lawns and gardens and has proved to be very popular.
- Revamped the method for conducting household hazardous waste events. Rather than holding events at various neighborhoods on various dates, the events are now held at a single location and on a firm schedule. The events are held at the Public Works Operations Center on Miccosukee Road. They are scheduled from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on the first Saturday of every month, September through May. This has proven to be a successful change.



- Distributed more than 4,000 classroom recycling bins to County Schools, which were donated by Waste Management Inc. and ALCOA Recycling.
- Conducted 130 presentations reaching 6,067 community members including students and adults, and gave 36 tours of the Solid Waste Management Facility.
- Processed more than 10,000 lbs. of Styrofoam.



A new structure was built for the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Center – which is also home to the Electronics Recycling Center. The old collection site was too small, had limited ventilation and did not provide shelter for citizens when it rained.

The new building makes it easier for Leon County residents to pull their vehicles into a covered drop-off area to unload both electronics and hazardous items in one place. It also provides staff with a larger, safer and more efficient facility for recycling and disposing of this waste.



DID YOU KNOW

Rural Waste Service Centers are designated places for residents living in unincorporated Leon County to drop off their garbage and recycling. From there, the garbage is transported to the Leon County Transfer Station.

For more information or a list of the sites, visit:
www.leoncountyfl.gov/SolidWaste/ruralsites.asp

Leon County Solid Waste Management provides an integrated solid waste management system dedicated to excellent public service and responsible fiscal and environmental stewardship.

The division is comprised of the Solid Waste Management Facility (the landfill), Transfer Station, Rural Waste Service Centers, Household Hazardous Waste and Recycling.

Director Norm Thomas has led the Solid Waste Management division since 2004 and has nearly 30 years of top-level management experience in the solid waste industry. He holds a certificate in Natural Areas Management from the Nature Conservancy, is a graduate of Leadership Gainesville, and he is a Certified Manager of Solid Waste Systems, Landfill Operations and Transfer Station Operations. He also serves on the City of Tallahassee's Environmental Advisory Board and the Board of the Sharing T.R.E.E.

Thomas and each member of his management team are certified as solid waste professionals by either the Solid Waste Association of North America or the North American Hazardous Materials Management Association.

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